

to brook even the appearance of slavery, and denounced the vicious enemies who had been slandering this people so long. I carried the manuscript to the editor; he read it, and as he read he blushed and finally softly said that while the article in the main was true there were mysteries connected with the Mormon religion which I, of course, could not understand—the mystery which made perfect obedience perfect freedom. I was a trifle staggered, but finally asked which side of politics the News was on. The editor explained that the News was apparently a political eunuch, but it never failed when there was a chance to boost a Democrat or to smite a Republican under the fifth rib. Then I bethought me of the article I had previously written for the Herald and sat down and wrote the substance of it anew, only leaving out all reference to the Herald or its cartoon. I carried it to the editor and he again blushed and said: 'There are reasons why the News cannot criticise our Senator, weighty reasons. He enjoys the confidence of our foremost teachers and we have received more valuable consideration at his hands than from any other Gentile.'

"I had made the acquaintance of a gentleman at my boarding house and that night I told him what my experience had been in Salt Lake journalism. He heard me through and then said: 'There is nothing remarkable about it except that you made the editor of the News blush; such a thing was never heard of before.'

"Dear mother, I want to go home.

Your affectionate son,

"Sept. 10, 1902.

"JONAH JARVIS."

That motorman who ran his car through the President's carriage in Massachusetts the other day must have graduated in Salt Lake. He was so glad that the power was on for a minute that he went crazy.

#### MOSTLY HOT AIR.

It is generally ungenerous to be suspicious but it is hard to shake off the impression that Senator Clark has sold his interest in the Los Angeles, San Pedro & Salt Lake railroad to the Union Pacific. Probably this is but natural, but a frank statement of the facts would be to the Senator's credit. He came here two years and more ago and asked for certain valuable considerations on his promise that the road should be pushed through to completion as swiftly as possible, and permitted his friends, who were supposed to be in his close confidence, to promise the road in about two years from that date. That promise has more than once since been reiterated. Of course nothing like fulfillment has ever been realized.

We all know that it has not been from any lack of means. In the past two years the Senator could have double-tracked the road and continued it to Denver from his income alone, had he desired to. It is reasonable then to conclude that the Senator has changed his mind. Inasmuch as he owned some valuable property at the other terminus, it is reasonable to further conclude that it was because of valuable considerations that his mind was changed. Probably it was for Short Line stock. This perhaps would be natural for a multimillionaire to do, but it is not fair to continue to hold a hope to the lips of this people only to continually break it to their hearts. If this has been the arrangement, then, instead of competing roads, there is to be a fixed monopoly of the carrying trade of Utah; this, so far as Senator Clark and his friends are concerned, is never, in railroad parlance, to be a "competitive point." If this is the plan, then it would be but common fairness to so advise this people, that they may spend no more money on hopes that have no substantial basis, and that they may lay their plans on the supposition that they must expect, so far as their

dealings with railroads are concerned, to have an absolute monopoly.

It does not leave Senator Clark in a very favorable light before the people of Utah, but of course, need not worry him. A man as rich as he can afford to be indifferent to the opinion of men, even men who had faith in him, who believed his promises were worth believing, who wished him well. Perhaps the extortion was necessary to compel the Short Line to the rather expensive terminus at San Pedro.

#### THE VILLAGE STATESMAN.

In view of Mr. Daveler's great friendship for Sunday saloon men, it is proper to ask at this point what office he contemplates running for. By the way, is Mr. Daveler one of the Republicans or men who pledged himself in writing to see that the laws were all enforced, asks the Salt Lake Herald.

Mr. Daveler's penchant for "Sunday Saloon" is not to be particularly wondered at, and there are some, at least who used to work with him who know what his wonderfully original promises are worth. Now Mac and Joe, when you are framing up officials, don't try to embarrass good citizen Daveler.

It is told that a lady said the other day to Justice Whitecomb Riley: "You must be a very rich man, Mr. Riley; I understand that you get a dollar a word for every word you write."

"Yes," drawled Riley, "but, my dear madam, sometimes I sit here all day and cannot think of a d—d word."

We copy the foregoing for the comfort of some of the editorial writers of adjacent States, and Utah. Our Utah writers can think of words enough. Two or three we have in mind are most useful in words. Indeed they have a natural genius for them and carry the gift sometimes to the point of writing a column or two of words without a paraphrase Riley's language—saying a d—d thing.

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